

REPORT OF THE COUNCIL MEETING HELD AT 7.00PM ON TUESDAY 16TH OCTOBER 2007 IN THE ASSEMBLY ROOMS, THORNE.

Present: Cllr. C. Williams (Chair)

Cllrs. B.M. Chowings, C.Dallas, G.Garth, M.Green, K.Redmile, P.Richardson, and A.Want.

1274. APOLOGIES

Apologies were declared as follows:

Cllr. D.Barton – personal
 Cllr. A.Brookes - personal
 Cllr. C. Taylor-Hatem – personal
 Cllr. J.Walker – work commitment
 Cllr. R. Walker – work commitment
 Cllr. M. Williams – personal

RESOLVED: That all the apologies be accepted for attendance purposes.

1275. DECLARATIONS OF INTEREST

Cllr. C. Williams declared a personal interest in the planning item as a DMBC Councillor and would hand over to the Vice-Chair for that item.

Cllr. C.Williams declared a personal interest in the review of polling document as a DMBC Councillor.

1276. MINUTES

Consideration was given to signing the minutes of the Council meeting held on Tuesday 14th August 2007. The Clerk noted that there had been an omission whereby Cllr. D.Barton's apologies had not been noted in the minutes.

RESOLVED: That the minutes be signed with the above amendment.

1277. POLICING IN THORNE AND MOORENDS

Three Police officers for the Safer Neighbourhood Team and two PCSO's attended the meeting and a number of items were discussed including:

- Motorcycle nuisance – there had been a number of successful operations and a number of warnings had been issued and arrests made.
- Anti-social behaviour – Thorne Town Centre – A problem area had been identified and dealt with.
- Under age drinking – there had been a number of test purchased and certain premises were being observed.
- It was announced that the police were supporting Thorne and Moorends shopwatch initiative whereby radios would be available at low cost to shopkeepers, publicans etc. who could keep in touch with each other, the police and CCTV operators.

RESOLVED:

- 1. That the officers be thanked for their hard work and commitment to the area.**
- 2. That a letter be sent to the Chief Constable stressing the importance of maintaining the safer neighbourhood team establishment at all times so that there could be a presence on the streets every day.**

- 3. That the police be asked to provide better feedback on the progress of incidents that had been reported by members of the public.**
- 4. That the Council support an outside alcohol ban in Thorne Town Centre.**

1278. COMMITTEE REPORTS

To approve the following reports:

1278.1. Planning, Environmental, Amenities and Leisure – 4th September 2007.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

1278.2. Policy, Development, Finance and Staffing – 25th September 2007.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

1279. PLANNING APPLICATIONS

The Vice-Chair took over for this item.

Consideration was given to the following application:

i) 07/02868/FUL

Increase in overall roof height in connection with formation of rooms in roof space to semi-detached bungalow at 20 Mansion Court Gardens, Thorne for Mrs S. Featherstone.

RESOLVED: No objection.

1280. ACCOUNTS PAYABLE

Consideration was given to the Statement of Accounts Payable to 30th September 2007, Vouchers 161 to 192.

RESOLVED: That the accounts payable be approved.

1281. REVIEW OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES

A number of anomalies had been noted in the report.

- Palm Grove Court Thorne residents had to pass one polling station to go to their allotted one.
- Certain residents on Fieldside in Thorne had to go to Moorends to vote whereas those on the other side of the road did not.
- Waterside residents should have a portable unit.

RESOLVED: That these observations be conveyed to the Electoral Services Team.

1282. ANNUAL ACCOUNTS TO 31ST MARCH 2007

Councillors noted that both the internal and external auditors had signed off the above accounts.

RESOLVED: That the recommendations of the external auditor in respect of reserves were noted and that they would be presented as required in future.

1283. MOORENDS WORKING GROUP

Consideration was given to the report of the meeting on 12th September 2007.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

1284. MOORENDS COMMUNITY CENTRE

It was reported that the project was now progressing well after a slow start. Work carried out to date included:

- External rendering removed.
- New windows fitted.
- Hall floor stabilised.
- Damp areas dealt with.

Work on the rendering, plastering and new rear roof was about to start.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

1285. PROPOSED POST OFFICE CLOSURE

Correspondence had been received from the Post Office regarding proposed closures and it was noted that King Edward Road Post Office was to close. In addition Councillors were concerned about the closure of nearby village post offices at Fishlake and Hatfield Woodhouse.

RESOLVED: That the Council object to these proposals.

1286. STANDING 58

Consideration was given to invoking Standing Order 58 in view of the confidential nature of the business about to be transacted.

RESOLVED: That the implementation of Standing Order 58 be approved and the press and public be asked to leave.

1287. STAFFING MATTERS

Consideration was given to the report of the staffing working group meeting on 21st August 2007.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

1288. CCTV

Consideration was given to the report of the CCTV Liaison Group meeting on 4th September 2007.

RESOLVED: That the report be approved.

End of meeting.